

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 9, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

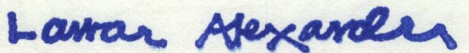
Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to express our support for Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen's request for disaster designation for seven counties hit hard by recent winter storms in Tennessee. On January 28, 2009, heavy snow and ice struck several counties in our state causing significant damage in Dyer, Henry, Lake, Obion, Montgomery, Stewart and Weakley counties.

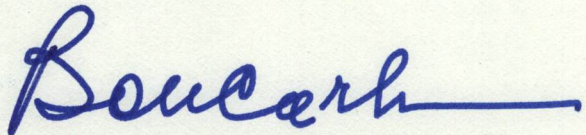
Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) officials report one fatality and more than 20,000 customers lost power as a result of the storm, which has placed a significant financial burden on local governments and individuals impacted. FEMA has already begun conducting official damage assessments, and preliminary estimates indicate more than \$11 million in storm-related damages and emergency response costs in those seven counties.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for relief for Tennesseans suffering from these events. We'd be glad to furnish additional information, or your office may wish to be in touch with Brent Wiles in Senator Alexander at 224-2189, John Lipsey with Senator Corker at 228-6520, Carling Dinkler with Congressman Tanner at 226-5792, or Greg Louer with Congressman Blackburn at 225-2811.

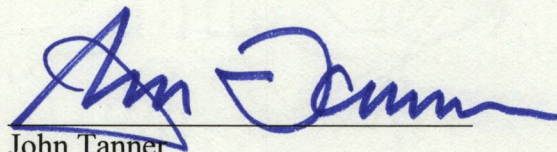
Sincerely,




Lamar Alexander
United States Senator



Bob Corker
United States Senator



John Tanner
Member of Congress



Marsha Blackburn
Member of Congress